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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney D. Weller on 3/14/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 19 and 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claim 1, the prior art does not suggest the lead frame as claimed, including the combination of all the claimed elements, the combination including the first and second pins for the first part having the shapes as claimed and the pins for the second part interdigitated as claimed. Regarding claim 10, the prior art does not suggest the as method claimed, including the combination of all the claimed steps, the combination including forming the first and second pins for the first part having the shapes as claimed and forming the pins for the second part interdigitated as claimed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ross Gushi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2005. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley, can be reached at 571-272-2800 extension 33. The phone number for the Group's facsimile is (703) 872-9306.

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